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COMUSMACTHAI
DODSPE REP BANKGOK
DODSPECREP NKP
354 TFW KORAT
CHSPECACTS BANGKOK
CDR JCRC NKP
7ACCS KORAT
432 TFW UDORN
8 TFW UBON
56 SOW NKP
388 TFW KORAT

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CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TFW, 56 SOW
388 TFW, 354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/DI; MACTHAI FOR J-2 AND PAO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PGOV, PFOR, PINS, PINT, ECON, LA
SUBJECT: LAO WEEKLY SITREP - NOVEMBER 29

REF: VIENTIANE 7928

BEGIN SUMMARY: SOVIET AND CHINESE AIRLIFT OF PERSONNEL
AND MATERIALS CONTINUED AT LOW LEVEL DURING THE PERIOD
NOVEMBER 21-28. LPF PERSONNEL, ESPECIALLY IN LUANG PRABANG,
ARE ACTIVE IN VISIBLE PROJECTS AIMED AT AIDING AND IMPRESSING
THE LOCAL POPULACE. THE PACE OF LAO INTERANL NEGOTIATIONS
PICKED UP A BIT, AS THE JCCIA MET FOR THE SECOND TIME, AGREE-
ING ON GENERAL OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES, AS WELL AS AN AGENDA
FOR NEXT WEEK'S MEETING. IN ADDITION, THE RLG SENT A MESSAGE
TO SOUPHANOUVONG, CALLING FOR A RAPID FORMATION OF THE NEW
GOVERNMENT. MEANWHILE, A HIGH-RANKING CHINESE DELEGATION
IS PAYING A FRIENDSHIP VISIT TO THE LPF ZONE, AS THE NORTH
VIETNAMESE MEDIA CONTINUED TO TRUMPET THE SUCCESS OF LE DUAN'S
RECENT VISIT TO SAM NEUA. ONLY THREE MILITARY INCIDENTS
OCCURED IN LAOS DURING THE WEEK AND THE ECONOMIC SITUATION
REMAINED UNCHANGED. ND SUMMARY

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I. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

A. PERSONNEL AND CARGO CONTINUE TO TRICKLE IN:

SOVIET AND CHINESE FLIGHTS CONTINUED TO TRICKLE
INTO BOTH VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG DURING THE PERIOD
NOVEMBER 21-28. PERSONNEL ARRIVALS IN VIENTIANE CONSISTED
OF 50 UNIFORMED MALES ARMED WITH PISTOLS, AND 20 UNIFORMED

FEMALES, AS WELL AS ONE MALE IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES IN LUANG PRABANG. CARGO TO BOTH LOCATIONS CONSISTED OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF FUEL AND RICE; ALSO GENERATORS, VEHICLES AND UNSORTED FURNITURE. UNOFFICIAL TOTALS OF LPF PERSONNEL NOW NUMBER 1,429 IN VIENTIANE AND 950 IN LUANG PRABANG, FOR A SUM TOTAL OF 2,379, COMPARED WITH THE APPROXIMATELY 2,560 THE LPF CAN HAVE UNDER THE PROTOCOL. THE AIRLIFT OF PERSONNEL IS EXPECTED TO END DECEMBER 5, ALTHOUGH WE ANTICIPATE THAT CARGO SHIPMENTS WILL CONTINUE.

B. ACTIVITIES TK LPF PERSONNEL IN VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG

POLITICAL OFFICER, DURING VISIT TO LUANG PRABANG, NOTED THAT LPF ARE ENGAGED IN AN INTENSEIVE, AND APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL, EFFORT TO WIN THE SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL POPULATION. LPF CADRE ARE EITHER CONSUMING THEIR OWN RICE, WHICH HAS BEEN AIRLIFTED BY THE CHINESE, OR

PAYING AN UNUSUALLY HIGH PRICE IN THE MARKET. AT THE SAME TIME, LPF TROOPS WERE OBSERVED IN THE RICE FIELDS HELPING WITH THE HARVEST. LPF CADRE WERE SEEN IN ONE VILLAGE SETTING UP A BOUN (LOCAL LAO FESTIVAL). THEY HAVE SET UP A DISPENSARY AND ARE FREELY DISTRIBUTING MEDICINES, AND ARE OPERATING AN OFFICE WHICH PROVIDES MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN RESIDENTS OF LUANG PRABANG AND REFUGEES AND RELATIVES IN THE LPF-CONTROLLED ZONE.

II. INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS

A. JCCIA MEETS FOR SECOND TIME:

THE JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT (JCCIA) MET NOVEMBER 29 FOR MORE THAN THREE
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HOURS AT LPF QUARTERS IN VIENTIANE. ACCORD-
ING TO THE LPF SPOKESMAN, THE TWO SIDES AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING AGENDA FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

1. CHOICE OF INSIGNIA FOR THE MIXED SECURITY FORCES (EACH SIDE WILL SUBMIT ITS OWN DESIGN)
2. OTHER STEPS FOR NEUTRALIZATION OF LUANG PRABANG AND VIENTIANE
3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CEASEFIRE
4. PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON PERSONS CAPTURED DURING THE CONFLICT AND
5. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE JCCIA AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSION (ICC).

AT TODAY'S MEETING IT WAS CONFIRMED THAT WEEKLY MEETING SHOULD OCCUR ON THURSDAYS AND THAT THE CHIEFS OF

DELEGATIONS SHOULD MEET INFORMALLY ON MONDAYS, WITH STAFF
IF DESIRED. IN ADDITION, EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS MAY BE
CALLED, WHEN NECESSARY.

THE RLG SPOKESMAN ON NOVEMBER 29 STATED THAT THE CABINET
MEETING NOVEMBER 28 DECIDED TO SEND A NEW MESSAGE TO
SOUPHANOUVONG, URGING RAPID FORMATION OF THE NEW GOVERN-
MENT. THE MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED TO SOTH MORNING OF NOVEMBER 29.

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